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## ARABIA.

*Report from Aden—Epidemic of plague extinct.*

The following is received from the Department of State under date of July 6:

Confirming my cable message "Plague over," sent on June 7, I have further to report that the plague seems to be entirely stamped out for the present, and that there have been no new cases since May 27.

In proportion to the population the epidemic has been very severe. From November 25, when plague was officially declared present, until the last death, on June 9, there were 2,287 cases reported, with 1,977 deaths. During the prevalence of the disease there was little, if any, danger of its being imported to any American port in shipment of merchandise, as only coffee, sheep and goat skins, and some ivory were shipped, and all of these came from surrounding territory where no plague existed, and were only rehandled in Aden. All the skins shipped were thoroughly disinfected by a sulphur vapor bath.

## AUSTRALIA.

*Reports from Brisbane—Plague bulletins—Plague in Queensland and New South Wales.*

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following:

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND.

*Brisbane, May 20, 1905.*

Plague Bulletin, No. 18, for week ending May 20.

## BRISBANE.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

Two cases of plague occurred in Brisbane during the week. Particulars are as follows:

*May 15.*—A man, aged 26 years, who followed the business of a grocer at a shop in the city where he also resided, died on the 15th instant. Post mortem examination proved that his death was due to plague.

*May 15.*—A schoolgirl, aged 13 years, who resided with her parents at Bulimba, died of plague on the 16th instant.

The customary precautions for preventing the spread of plague infection have been taken in connection with both cases.

## PLAGUE IN RATS AND MICE.

|   | Rats. | Mice. | Total. |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Rats and mice destroyed during week .....                 | 371   | 62    | 433    |
| Rats and mice examined at bacteriological institute ..... | 232   | 48    | 280    |
| Rats and mice infected .....                              | 0     | 0     | 0      |

Last infected rat May 12, 1905.

## IPSWICH.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

No further cases have occurred at Ipswich.

## RATS AND MICE.

|   | Rats. | Mice. | Total. |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Rats and mice destroyed during week .....                 | 98    | 63    | 161    |
| Rats and mice examined at bacteriological institute ..... | 79    | 53    | 132    |
| Rats and mice infected .....                              | 2     | 0     | 2      |

Last infected rat May 16, 1905.

## CHILDERS.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

A fatal case of plague occurred on the 16th instant at Childers, a town about 40 miles in a northwesterly direction from Maryborough. The deceased was an Italian, 38 years of age, and worked two doors from a produce store where 7 plague-infected rats have been found during the week.

One of the health officers of this department, an inspector, and a party from the rat-extermination gang, who were dispatched to Childers, are still engaged in plague-prevention operations there.

## SUMMARY.

*Colmslie plague hospital.*

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Cases admitted during week .....                   | 0 |
| Cases discharged .....                             | 0 |
| Deaths .....                                       | 0 |
| Remaining under treatment (Ipswich patients) ..... | 6 |

B. BURNETT HAM,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*

BRISBANE, *May 27, 1905.*

Plague Bulletin No. 19, for week ending May 27, 1905:

## BRISBANE.

No cases of plague occurred in Brisbane during the week.

## PLAGUE IN RATS AND MICE.

|   | Rats. | Mice. | Total. |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Rats and mice destroyed during week .....                 | 557   | 134   | 691    |
| Rats and mice examined at bacteriological institute ..... | 215   | 128   | 343    |
| Rats and mice infected .....                              | 4     | 0     | 4      |

Last infected rat, May 26, 1905.

*Places where infected rats were found.*

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Produce stores .....                | 2 |
| Hotel in Queen street .....         | 1 |
| Large warehouse on river side ..... | 1 |

## IPSWICH.

No case of plague occurred at Ipswich during the week.

The 6 Ipswich patients in the Colmslie plague hospital, Brisbane, are now convalescent and will be discharged next week.

## PLAGUE IN RATS AND MICE.

|   | Rats. | Mice. | Total. |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Rats and mice destroyed during week .....                 | 140   | 33    | 173    |
| Rats and mice examined at bacteriological institute ..... | 103   | 33    | 136    |
| Rats and mice infected .....                              | 0     | 0     | 0      |

Last infected rat, May 16, 1905.

## CHILDERS.

No case of plague occurred at Childers during the week.

## PLAGUE IN RATS AND MICE.

|   | Rats. | Mice. | Total. |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Rats and mice destroyed during week .....                 | 250   | ..... | .....  |
| Rats and mice examined in bacteriological institute ..... | 50    | ..... | .....  |
| Rats and mice infected .....                              | 0     | ..... | .....  |

Last infected rat, May 20, 1905.

B. BURNETT HAM, M. D.,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*

BRISBANE, *June 3, 1905.*

Plague bulletin No. 20, for week ending June 3.

## BRISBANE.

One case of plague occurred in Brisbane during the week. The patient, a boy 14 years of age, resided with his parents at South Brisbane and was employed at a grocer's store situated at East Brisbane. His case was reported on the 31st ultimo, and he died at his home on the 2d instant.

Two hundred dead rats, too decomposed for examination, were found on the 24th ultimo on the premises of the store where the boy was employed. Last week a plague-infected rat was found there.

## PLAGUE IN RATS AND MICE.

|   | Rats. | Mice. | Total. |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Rats and mice destroyed during week .....                 | 586   | 99    | 685    |
| Rats and mice examined at bacteriological institute ..... | 312   | 76    | 388    |
| Rats and mice infected .....                              | 4     | 0     | 4      |

Last infected rat June 2, 1905.

*Places where infected rats were found.*

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Large warehouse on riverside .....  | 1 |
| Large warehouse, Creek street ..... | 1 |
| Stables, valley .....               | 2 |

## IPSWICH.

A death from plague occurred at Ipswich on the 31st ultimo. The patient, a woman 28 years of age, resided at Ipswich and was employed as a tailoress in Brisbane. The result of investigation shows that there is no connection between this case and the 7 cases of plague which occurred at Ipswich recently.

The 2 remaining Ipswich patients will to-day be discharged from the Colmslie plague hospital, and the institution will thereupon be closed.

## RATS AND MICE.

One hundred and ninety-two rats and 18 mice from Ipswich were examined at the bacteriological institute, Brisbane, during the week. None of them were plague infected.

## CHILDERS.

No case of plague occurred at Childers during the week.

## RATS.

Fifty-seven rats from Childers were examined at the bacteriological institute during the week. None of them were plague infected.

B. BURNETT HAM,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*

SYDNEY, *May 16, 1905.*

*Bubonic plague—Bulletin No. 7.*

[Complete to midnight on Saturday, May 13, 1905.]

## SYDNEY.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Patients remaining under treatment May 6, 1905..... | 9 |
| Admitted during week.....                           | 1 |
| Discharged during week (case 2).....                | 1 |
| Died during week.....                               | 0 |
| Remaining under treatment May 13, 1905.....         | 9 |

## PLAGUE IN RATS AND MICE.

|                     | Destroyed. | Examined. | Infected. |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of rats..... | 1,849      | 385       | 0         |
| Number of mice..... | 1,939      | 513       | 0         |
|                     | 3,788      | 898       | 0         |

## NEWCASTLE.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Patients remaining under treatment May 6, 1905..... | 4 |
| Admitted during week.....                           | 1 |
| Discharged during week (case 4).....                | 1 |
| Died during week.....                               | 0 |
| Remaining under treatment May 13, 1905.....         | 4 |

## PLAGUE IN RATS—CAPITATION FEE.

|                     | Destroyed. | Examined. | Infected |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Number of rats..... | 530        | 530       | 20       |
| Number of mice..... | 142        | 142       | 0        |
|                     | 672        | 672       | 20       |

## NORTHERN RIVERS.

*Ballina*.—Last case (No. 3) died May 9, 1905.

*Lismore*.—Five cases of plague have occurred during present outbreak as under:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Case 1.....                                 | Died May 6, 1905 |
| Admitted during week.....                   | 4                |
| Discharged during week.....                 | 0                |
| Died during week.....                       | 1                |
| Remaining under treatment May 13, 1905..... | 3                |

*Ulmarra*.—Two fatal cases reported as plague are under observation.  
By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

SYDNEY, *May 23, 1905.*

*Bubonic plague—Bulletin No. 8.*

[Complete to midnight on Saturday, May 20, 1905.]

## SYDNEY.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Patients remaining under treatment May 13, 1905..... | 9 |
| Admitted during week.....                            | 1 |
| Discharged during week (cases 3, 5, 9, 10).....      | 4 |
| Died during week.....                                | 0 |
| Remaining under treatment May 20, 1905.....          | 6 |

## PLAGUE IN RATS.

|                     | Destroyed. | Examined. | Infected. |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of rats..... | 1,775      | 373       | 0         |
| Number of mice..... | 1,534      | 371       | 0         |
|                     | 3,309      | 744       | 0         |

## NEWCASTLE.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Patients remaining under treatment May 13, 1905 ..... | 4 |
| Admitted during week .....                            | 0 |
| Discharged during week .....                          | 0 |
| Died during week .....                                | 0 |
| Remaining under treatment May 20, 1905 .....          | 4 |

## PLAGUE IN RATS (CAPITATION FEE).

|                      | Destroyed. | Examined. | Infected. |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of rats ..... | 448        | 448       | 37        |
| Number of mice ..... | 168        | 168       | 5         |
|                      | 616        | 616       | 42        |

## NORTHERN RIVERS.

*Ballina.*—No case since May 9, 1905.

*Lismore.*—

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Patients remaining under treatment May 13, 1905 ..... | 3 |
| Admitted during week .....                            | 2 |
| Discharged during week .....                          | 0 |
| Died during week .....                                | 1 |
| Remaining under treatment May 20, 1905 .....          | 4 |

*Ulmarra.*—The 2 fatal cases mentioned in Bulletin No. 7 are still under investigation.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, *May 30, 1905.*

*Bubonic plague—Bulletin No. 9.*

[Complete to midnight on Saturday, May 27, 1905.]

## SYDNEY.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Patients remaining under treatment May 20, 1905 ..... | 6 |
| Admitted during week .....                            | 1 |
| Discharged .....                                      | 0 |
| Died .....  | 1 |
| Remaining under treatment May 27, 1905 .....          | 6 |

## PLAGUE IN RATS.

|                      | Destroyed. | Examined. | Infected. |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of rats ..... | 1,943      | 508       | 0         |
| Number of mice ..... | 1,388      | 402       | 0         |
|                      | 3,331      | 910       | 0         |

## NEWCASTLE.

## PLAGUE IN MAN.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Patients remaining under treatment May 20, 1905..... | 4 |
| Admitted during week.....                            | 1 |
| Discharged during week (case 3).....                 | 1 |
| Died.....  | 0 |
| Remaining under treatment May 27, 1905.....          | 4 |

## PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed, 729; examined, 729; infected, 33.

## NORTHERN RIVERS.

*Ballina*.—Last case May 9, 1905.

*Lismore*.—

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Patients remaining under treatment May 20, 1905..... | 4 |
| Admitted during week.....                            | 0 |
| Discharged during week (cases 2 and 3).....          | 2 |
| Died during week.....                                | 0 |
| Remaining under treatment May 27, 1905.....          | 2 |

*Ulmarra*.—There is no history of infection in connection with either of the 2 fatal cases reported to this Department as suspicious of plague, but examination of imperfectly taken bacteriological specimens, which is surrounded with considerable difficulty, is proceeding.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

*Contagious diseases, April, 1905.*

[From official reports.]

The number of cases and deaths from infectious diseases for the month of April, 1905, was as follows: Smallpox, 11 cases; measles, 110 cases and 15 deaths; diphtheria, 23 cases and 6 deaths; whooping cough, 15 cases and 2 deaths; enteric fever, 29 cases and 6 deaths; dysentery, 1 case; varicella, 27 cases; anthrax, 5 cases, 1 death; scarlatina, 122 cases, 37 deaths; trachoma, 4 cases; mumps, 115 cases; influenza, 412 cases, and erysipelas, 4 cases.

## BRITISH HONDURAS.

*Report from Belize, fruit port—Yellow fever.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carson reports as follows: Week ended July 6, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 8,500; number of deaths, 6, including 1 from yellow fever; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected. The death from yellow fever, occurring here on the 4th instant, was in the person of the superintendent of police, aged 41 years, born in Ireland of English parents. He had lived in the Tropics for twenty years. He was taken ill on the morning of the 24th last month, and all the characteristics of this dis-